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Microsoft's proposed settlement of "donating" software and hardware to schools is simply another way of pushing its monopolistic practices. The educational setting is one in which a company other than Microsoft has had dominance. By making this "donation", Microsoft will increase its presence manifold, and will serve to make it the only platform available. If Microsoft offers these products free, what school district would want to pay precious dollars for other (Apple) products? At least for the immediate future. After a few short years, schools would be locked into Microsoft products. Is this not monopolistic behavior? I encourage you *not* to accept Microsoft's proposed settlement. It is merely a means for them to gain a foothold in territory where they do not hold dominance.

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